On Wednesday 21st September our school choir performed in Singfest 2016 at the magnificent Albert Hall. Our choir combined with choirs from East Launceston, Invermay, Norwood, Punchbowl, Ravenswood Heights, St Thomas More and Trevallyn primary schools to perform five items. We also performed on our own, the song ‘Light a Candle’. In the combined school choir item ‘Let Music Live’, Heidi Anderson performed an outstanding solo!

All members of our choir were simply brilliant. Their families, Mrs Johnston, the staff in attendance and I, were bursting with pride. Congratulations to all involved. A huge thanks to the families who continue to support this impressive event. We can’t wait to do it again next year!

Sharon

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**Diary**

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**Fire Education**

A Fire Fighter from the Tasmania Fire Service is visiting our school in Week 1 and Week 2 of Term 4, to present a Fire Safety Program to our students from Prep to Year 6.

The program is an initiative of the Tasmanian Fire Service which aims to deliver appropriate fire safety education to every primary school child in Tasmania. The program is part of the Tasmanian Fire Service's ongoing commitment to educate the public for a fire safe Tasmania.

Activity Books will be handed out to children from Years 1 to 4. After the conclusion of the program the activity book can be taken home and we encourage families to participate in the activities to ensure your home is fire safe.

**IF A FIRE STARTS IN YOUR HOME REMEMBER TO:**
- GET OUT – CRAWL LOW UNDER SMOKE
- SHOUT FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! TO WARN OTHERS
- GO TO YOUR SAFE MEETING PLACE (e.g. Letterbox)
- CALL THE FIRE BRIGADE ON TRIPLE ZERO “000”
- GET OUT STAY OUT - NEVER GO BACK INSIDE.

**Dollarmite Award**

Last week’s winner was Phoebe-Jayne Armstrong from 5-6 Geale.

**Student Awards**

**Merit Certificates:** The Early Childhood winners for the final assembly of Term 3 are - Lacey Ford, Maison Davis, Algesh Pradhan, Olivia-Jade Armstrong, Sebastian Seivers, Logan Harrison, Blake Natoli, Travis Forester-Denman, Jesse Busch, Kahla Thompson, Ashmita Rai, Eric Patterson, Oliver Robinson, New Boonyanuson, Mary Gale, Beau Ford, Rylee Perkins and Zac Barns.

**Kindergarten 2017**

We are now accepting Kindergarten enrolments for 2017. To be eligible for Kindergarten in 2017, children need to be 4 by the 1st January 2017. When first enrolling in a Tasmanian school, evidence of the student’s identity, date of birth and immunisation record must be provided.

Kindergarten at Mowbray Heights Primary School will a three full day programme. Please phone the office to register your child’s name.

**Please Note:** If your child is part of our Launching into Learning program your intention to enrol is already known.

**Library**

Library Mornings have been buzzing with children and their families reading together. We have some very enthusiastic Year 1/2 students who are Library Leaders. They are doing an amazing job, making reading fun and supporting Prep students with their home readers.

This term the Library Leaders will be inviting Kindergarten students to visit the library to read together, make new friends and become familiar with the rest of the school.

Families are most welcome to visit the library between 8.30 am and 9.00 am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.
Basketball Tasmania
2016 Primary School Regional Tournament

We wish our Junior Girls and Junior Boys basketball teams the very best of luck for the weekend tournament. The teams play at the following times and venues, and would love some support!

**Junior Girls**
- Sat 15/10 @ Elphin Sports Centre 9.00 am Court 3
- Sat 15/10 @ Elphin Sports Centre 5.20 pm Court 4
- Sun 16/10 @ Elphin Sports Centre 9.50 am Court 4
- Sun 16/10 @ Elphin Sports Centre 12.20 pm Court 3

**Junior Boys**
- Sat 15/10 @ Elphin Sports Centre 11.30 am Court 3
- Sat 15/10 @ Elphin Sports Centre 4.30 pm Court 3
- Sun 16/10 @ Elphin Sports Centre 1.10 pm Court 3

If the teams make a final the Junior Girls play at 2.50 pm and the Junior Boys play at 3.40 pm.

PIPS Testing for Prep Students

PIPS (Performance Indicators in Primary Schools) is a national testing requirement involving the assessment of student’s literacy and numeracy skills. It is conducted by the Prep Teachers using a computer software package. All of our Prep students were assessed using PIPS in March and the results were shared with parents.

Next week we are conducting the required follow-up assessment. Results from this assessment will be shared with parents and used to inform future teaching and learning. If you have any questions about PIPS please feel free to talk to your child’s teacher.

Meet our LIFT Team (Learning in Families Together)

These ladies along with Mrs Symes, Mrs Baker and Miss Bird make up our LIFT team. Their role is to advocate for our families and support families in becoming active participants in their children’s learning. We have attended Professional Learning days with LIFT teams from other schools and have met regularly here at school. All members of the LIFT team are looking forward to working in partnership with our whole school community to support improved learning outcomes for all at Mowbray Heights Primary School.

- **Erika Moore**
- **Julia Chapman**
- **Rosie Daley**
- **Sid Talbot**

Erika has two daughters who attend MHPS. She has been associated with the school since 2011 when her eldest daughter Maddie was in Pre-Kinder. Maddie is now in Year Two and her sister Hana is in Prep. Erika also volunteers to do Banking on a Tuesday morning.

Julia and her husband have three children who attend Mowbray Heights Primary School. George is in Kindergarten this year and Lucy and Oliver attend Launching into Learning. Julia has been a member of our school community since George was in Pre-Kinder.

Rosie’s husband Warren attended MHPS and now their three daughters are here. Rosie has been involved in the school since 2010 when Jasmyn was in Pre-Kinder. She is now in Year 3, Chloe is in Year 1 and Harper comes to Launching into Learning.

Sid grew up in England and her husband Richard, grew up in Launceston. They have two boys who are 3rd generation MHPS students. Hayden is in Year 1 and Zac is in Kinder. Sid has been associated with our school since 2014.

**P & C Monster Raffle**

Thank you very much to everyone who has returned their Raffle Book. Please return all books, whether they are fully or partially sold, with the money to the Office by Tuesday 8/11. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 10/11 at 2.00 pm in Assembly. Good luck everyone!
The sound of hundreds of young voices filled the Albert Hall on Wednesday night. Pupils from 16 different schools came together to celebrate Singfest, an exciting two-day singing event for primary schools to perform old and new songs together. Schools have spent the past six months practicing hard for the event and when the big day finally arrived, they were excited to show off their hard work to an audience. East Launceston Primary School student Matilda Allen, 11, sang a solo on the night and said she was excited for the event. Matilda sang the very well-known piece 'When I Grow Up from Matilda the Musical.' 'I like the song because it’s based around kids growing up,' she said. 'I really like to sing and Singfest is good because you get to work with other schools that you haven’t worked with before.' The event continues on Thursday night from 6.30pm at the Albert Hall. Tickets are $10 and are available through the Princes Theatre. — MICHELLE WISBEY

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